

THE WORLD OF SOCIETY.

The Double Wedding Last Week the Most Notable Event in Capitol City Circles.

Skating Clubs and Other Amusements Proposed for the Near Future.

Gladstone's Opinion of the Work of a Helena Lady—Personal and General Mention.

The last week has been an eventful one locally, not on account of its gaiety, but from the fact that it witnessed a double wedding of great social interest. Both Miss Eudora Flowerree, now Mrs. E. W. Knight, Jr., and Miss Flowerree, now Mrs. W. Wallace, Jr., have long been regarded as two of Helena's fairest daughters, while their natural attractiveness and personal charms have made them ever popular with all. The double wedding in itself was an event of no small interest, as the enormous crowd which packed St. Peter's church bore witness, and the magnificent display of presents was in itself ample proof of the high esteem in which both the brides and their husbands are held. Mr. Wallace bids fair soon to be on the topmost rung of the ladder of political fame, while Mr. E. W. Knight, Jr., is well known and popular in business circles, and his services are fully appreciated in the First National bank. It is not surprising, with all the younger set marrying and being given in marriage that society is dull, and dancing parties few and far between.

There has been some talk of a skating club, but beyond the fact that several parties have made up very much in the same way the "they organized to go down to the range both, not only for skating, but for fishing, the pond has made the ice very much better than it was on Thanksgiving, when the surface was to say the least rather rough, and last night quite a number were enjoying themselves upon the smooth surface. There are several good skaters, among them Miss Ella Blaine and Miss Briscoe who take precedence among the ladies, and Messrs. Rosenplanter, G. Hill and C. J. V. Jerome, who are probably the best among the men, although owing to the scarcity of ice in Montana the art of skating is nearly if not quite an unknown quantity, and setting down in a very unexpected way is by no means an uncommon diversion.

The Montana Troubadours are rehearsing steadily every Tuesday and Friday night, having engaged Harlan Hall for this purpose and just as soon as a date can be arranged with the management of the opera house the night for the initial performance will be announced. Owing to some business matters which cannot very well be divulged, Mr. Hill has been compelled to withdraw from the management, a fact which he very much regrets. Outside of the double wedding there has been very little of interest socially during the past week.

A progressive elucide party was held on Tuesday last at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding on Clark street, the invitations being given in the name of Miss Curtis. Mrs. Hare was fortunate enough to secure the ladies' first prize consisting of a rare tea cup, while Mr. Piercy took the gentlemen's prize in the shape of a Japanese knife. Miss Briscoe and Mr. A. M. Thornburg were fortunate enough to carry away the booby prize, for the possession of which they made a desperate struggle against odds. Among those present were the Messrs. Witherbee, Miss Franklin, the Messrs. Briscoe, Miss Hogg, Mr. Hare, Mr. Piercy and Mr. Logan, and Miss Procter, Hare, Stoner, F. Witherbee, P. Witherbee, H. Luke, Gunn, Day and Fisk.

Although the literary club has for the present concluded to hold no more regular monthly meetings, it will be of interest for the members to know that one of the number, Miss Smedes, is in receipt of a very flattering letter from Mr. W. E. Gladstone, acknowledging the receipt of her book entitled "The Memoirs of a Southern Planter." I have had the pleasure of seeing the grand old man's letter. In acknowledging the receipt of the book, Mr. Gladstone, after expressing his delight and appreciation of its merits, writes: "Yet more I am very desirous that the old world should have the benefit of the work. I wrote to my bookseller in London to order me some copies which I may give to friends. I shall ask Mr. Knowles, editor of the Nineteenth Century, (our most widely known periodical of the highest class), to allow me to draw attention to it there by a brief notice. But I now ask your permission, if you like to send it by telegram, 'Gladstone, Harward, England; proceed,' will suffice to publish it in England." Mr. Gladstone has also forwarded the proof copy of his article, which will appear in the Nineteenth Century of December. And in this he says: "A book which aims at presenting in a favorable light the character of a southern slave owner will be doubly useful if it attains the aim. First, in the person and through the picture of one individual, it will have the merit of doing justice to a class; secondly, it will teach anew a lesson most useful for our daily use. We are not to judge individuals hastily on account of social misdeeds due to them as a body, through their holding a position inherited from their fathers, the whole nature of which they have not had strength and depth of wisdom to define. But the Memoirs of a Southern Planter by Mrs. Smedes, one of his daughters, do more than this—they establish the after and final condemnation of slavery." In conclusion Mr. Gladstone pays this compliment to the authoress and her father: "Let no man say with this book before him that the age of chivalry has gone, or that Thomas Dabney was not worthy to sit with Sir Percival at the 'table round' of King Arthur." Most book readers in the north and south will be glad to read the story of the life of a very charming woman, but this will doubtless add a new zest to the tale, and a fresh flavor to the narrative of the sunny south.

The theater, in the absence of other attractions has done well, and Mr. Joseph Grismer and his talented company have played on the whole, a good even, evenly balanced and above the average, while Mr. Grismer and his talented wife are too well known artistically to make it necessary to say more than "they are artists."

Since the completion of the beautiful Turner hall on the corner of Warren street and Helena avenue, owned by the Helena Turn Verein, that society have determined upon a programme for the winter's amusement. They propose producing every three weeks the best works of the most eminent German authors of drama and comedy. Their initial performance will be on the evening of Dec. 22, when they will give Benedict's beautiful comedy, "Das Geheissnis." (The Secret), which has been the greatest sensation wherever presented, and has always proven a financial success to the theatre managers. The cast includes Mesdames Geier, Puffendorf and Pigne, and Messrs. Koehl, Kuhn, Knapel, Michal, Geier and Mielch, whose careful rendition of Deborah and Lenore a few months ago was pronounced by critics to be equal to the best productions of professionals. The orchestra and all musical arrangements will be under the direct care and supervision of Prof. Yeager. It is also the intention of the society to give musical and literary entertainments every two weeks, and arrangements have been perfected for the appearance of Mr. Rodenkirchen, whose fame as a comedian is greater than Liberati's, with Miss Magnus, a noted soprano, and Mr. Arnold, a very clever violinist. Our well known pianist and flutist, Professor Werner, will assist. The community is to be congratulated on having in it

midst a society with so much push and energy. We trust that they may prosper and succeed and extend to them a hearty "Gut Heil."

The entertainment under the auspices of the High school, introducing Miss Conthout, the eloquentist, was one of the features of this week's pleasures. Miss Conthout is an honor to this most difficult and pleasing art, and received a most deserved compliment in the audience that greeted her second appearance here. The singing of the High School Glee club under the direction of Mrs. Ayr, was a marked success and met with a hearty encore. Mrs. La-rop's reception was flattering, and Miss Roberts' execution on the piano was very fine. Mr. Jackson's solo presented him as usual in the light of Helena's favorite singer. Mr. Odell's violin solo met with marked favor, and Mr. Garrett's part throughout the entire programme was a pleasing and attractive feature.

The entertainment to be given Dec. 19 by the young people of the Congregational church promises to be one of the best of its kind ever given in Helena. Music is to be furnished by the most talented young ladies Grindrod (of the Encore club) will be one of the pleasant features. In addition a dialogue of nations will be given, in which the different nations will be represented by young and pretty girls. An entire scene from the "Saracen Brothers" will be given in costume by three youths, whose talents in that line are already well known. The portion of the entertainment is under the direction of Miss Helen P. Clarke, which will insure its success. The entertainment will be for a good cause and should be well patronized.

Personal and General.

Mrs. Charles Young is very seriously ill.

It is about time to arrange for New Year's calls.

Judge Chaussero and family have gone to New York.

W. H. Sutherland of White Sulphur Springs, is in the city.

Rev. Mr. Relsey visited the depot schools in the past week.

J. J. Thompson, of Butte, visited the capital last week.

Mr. George Stewart is welcome home from his eastern trip.

Judge Laddis and family paid Helena a flying visit last week.

The Episcopal Ladies' Aid society met on Tuesday at Mrs. Webb's.

Gen. Charles S. Warren was among the battles in the city last week.

Mrs. Guthrie gave a pleasant dinner-party on last Tuesday to a number of friends.

The Helena Ladies' Aid society met at the residence of Mrs. Ranley on last Thursday.

Mrs. L. D. McChuteon left on Thursday to spend the winter in southern California.

Mr. Dennis DeLay, who was so seriously hurt in the accident near Boulder, is recovering.

Mrs. S. Wheaton left on Thursday for California where she hopes to regain her health.

Mrs. Hattie Wood entertained a number of guests at her residence, on last Monday evening.

Mrs. P. Larson and Miss Anna Moran returned on Tuesday from a pleasant visit to Billings.

Mr. M. J. Hall, of Bozeman, chairman of the state prohibition party, is the guest of Mr. J. H. Priest.

Mr. W. B. Robinson, of Phillipsburg, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. C. L. Shaw, of Poplar street.

An Oak street Methodist church has formed a new music class, under the superintendence of Prof. Bellis.

Miss Minnie A. Reifernath has been honored by a place on the program of the State Teachers' Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Downs are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Allen until they can move into their new home.

The call issued for a meeting of the members of the Old Pioneer club last Saturday failed to attract a quorum.

The "Tonic-Sol-Ti" system has been replaced in our schools this year by the "Staff Method" of teaching music.

Messrs. Anderson and Dance left together on Friday for St. Peter's mission. They expect to return on Tuesday next.

Mrs. Swan, of lower Rodney street, gave a pleasant children's party for her little daughter, Maude, on Friday evening.

Mr. A. E. Boren, of the commission house of Boren & Co., who has been ill for several weeks past, is much improved.

Mrs. J. E. Rieckards left on Thursday for her home in Butte. She will return to Helena at the beginning of the new year.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have returned to their new home on Grand avenue from their pleasant wedding trip to the Pacific coast.

Unusual and marked artistic taste and skill was displayed in the decorations of St. Peter's church for the Flowerree wedding.

On Thursday evening Miss Roberts received much deserved praise for her performance on the piano in St. Paul's church.

Mr. James R. Walsh and Miss Maggie Doyle were married at Waucoma, Ia., Nov. 21. They will be at home in Helena after Dec. 25.

Mrs. Nelson Story and Miss Rose Story, of Bozeman, are in the city and are the guests of Mrs. W. E. Cullen, 641 Dearborn avenue.

Mrs. Blake, of Helena, sang last week at an entertainment given in Bozeman. Her efforts were highly appreciated by a large audience.

The state teachers' institute, of which Mrs. M. S. Cummins, principal of our high school, is president, meets during the holidays at Dulon.

To belong to the Brotherhood of St. Peter's church means spending, by young men, a series of pleasant evenings in the rectory's comfortable lounge.

Mrs. Ella Lamy, contractor on the Butte & Gallatin railroad returned to her home here yesterday, having finished the work in which she has been engaged all summer.

A most highly successful sale and supper was given in the basement of the Granite street Methodist church on Wednesday evening last by the Ladies' Aid society.

Mr. R. A. Harlow expects to leave town to-morrow on a week's vacation. Hunting is the "raison d'etre" and Mr. C. E. Haines will be his companion and guest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallace are comfortably located on the first floor of Mr. D. W. Fisk's house, on South Rodney street, where they will be at home to all their friends.

On next Tuesday Mrs. Chaussero's large and beautiful parlors will be thrown open to the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church, for the purpose of holding a sale.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Knight, Jr., who left on their last departure last night on the steamship, will visit Cincinnati, Chicago and possibly New York before returning to settle here.

Mr. A. B. Denbo, cashier of the United States Assay office last night on Monday's leave of absence. Mr. Denbo will spend the greatest part of his vacation at his home in Corydon, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnes entertained a number of friends on Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. Russell on Phoenix avenue. They leave to-day for Punia, expecting to remain there permanently.

Mr. John C. Campbell and Miss Maude M. Mariette, both of Alhambra, were united in marriage on the 20th, by Rev. Frie at his residence. A large number of friends from Alhambra were in attendance.

Judge McConnell and family have purchased and taken possession of the Bailey property on Fifth avenue. The ground judge and family are welcome to the centre of the city and a closer proximity to their friends.

Mrs. Gov. S. T. Hauser, Mrs. Gov. Leslie, Mrs. Chaussero, Mrs. Word, Mrs. Cullen, Mrs. Ming and Mrs. Wallace are all in possession of beautiful photographic views of the interior of their residences taken during the past week.

A very pleasant and entertaining socialite was held on Friday evening at the home of

Miss Fara Yartwell, under the auspices of the Congregational church. The musical program was an attractive and pleasing feature of the exercises.

The "Busy Bee" sale, held at the residence of Mrs. A. J. Davidson, under the auspices of the Christian church, was crowded with purchasers. In addition to a pleasant afternoon, the "bees" realized quite a nice little bank account.

I had occasion to say the other day that marriage is becoming an epidemic which threatens, if not checked, to leave no marriageable girls in the city. I hear of two more engagements, or shall I say nuptial understandings, which will be on before many moons have gone by.

Miss Helen P. Clark is now the guest of Mrs. Stafford, of Sunrise Terrace on Davis street. Miss Clark has given up her room preparatory to leaving for an extended eastern trip, in which she will take in all the large cities. Miss Clark is in possession of flattering offers of a prominent place on the stage.

Mr. H. K. Druan and Mrs. Lucy L. Oper were married at the residence of the bride, 1518 Boulder avenue, Dec. 1, by Rev. A. V. Haleigh. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of friends, and a delightful supper was served. A number of handsome presents were received. Both the bride and groom are well known in this city.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will hold a parlor sale at the residence of Mrs. W. A. Chaussero, Dec. 19, through the afternoon and evening, opening at 1 o'clock. Gifts suitable for the holidays will be offered for sale at reasonable prices, including articles from the Holy Land, Switzerland and Scotland.

Among the many presents displayed at the Flowerree wedding was a very handsome onyx covered gold-plated table and a large hand painted urn presented by Jno. Maguire, now in San Francisco, to Mrs. E. A. Knight, Jr., and a large hand painted album screen, a very handsome article de'verta, presented by the same gentleman to Mrs. Wm. Wallace, Jr.

Dr. Riddell and his wife, Dr. Anna Riddell, are fitting up apartments and offices in the Diamond block. Mrs. Dr. Riddell is a sister of Mr. Spruille Braden, assessor in charge of the United States assay office. Mrs. Braden, her mother, expects to leave for the east next week. She will visit friends in Ogden, Denver, St. Louis and Indianapolis before going on to Washington and New York city.

Mrs. L. O. Dance will give this winter a gratuitous series of musical entertainments for the benefit of the patients in St. Peter's hospital. She will be assisted by many of the leading musicians of the city, thus giving the sick a gift more beautiful than that of fruit or flowers. The lady is a graduate of Leipzig conservatory, Germany, and has in addition spent many years abroad, ardently studying to perfect herself in her chosen work.

Mr. Paul Carells, of Chicago, who has for some time been the guest of Mr. James Corey, left last week for his home, much to the regret of a large circle of pleasant acquaintances and taking many kindly wishes for a return of his visit. On the eve of his departure Mr. Corey gave a dinner to a few friends, among who were Messrs. Charles Castle, George Mills, Charles Cowser, Stephen Carpenter, Thomas Thompson, A. F. Knrich, M. L. Burns.

Mrs. A. A. Lathrop, of this city, elsewhere better known to friends, sang here for the first time in St. Peter's church on Thursday evening. She met with a most flattering reception. Her voice gives evidence of careful training. Mrs. Lathrop is a graduate of Willard college, New York, and also a personal friend of the late principal, Mrs. Willard. In addition to her attainments, Mrs. Lathrop's modesty and kindness of manner makes her a most popular and much beloved member of Helena's society.

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